

# Ready to Read

## An Early Literacy Newsletter

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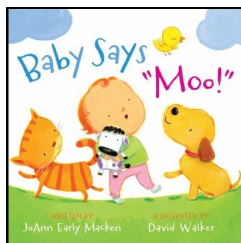


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## Farm Animals: Books and Songs

Fairfax County Public Library has a wonderful selection of farm books. Find these and many other stories at your neighborhood library branch!



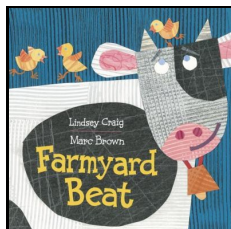
**Baby Says "Moo!"** by JoAnn Early Macken  
A cumulative, rhyming tale of a baby who sees many animals while out with her family. However, only one animal makes her favorite sound.

**Chicken, Chicken, Duck!** by Nadia Krilanovich  
In this easy-to-read, rhythmic text, a duck plays a noisy game with a group of farm animals.

**Cock-a-Doodle-Do, Creak, Pop-Pop, Moo** by Jim Aylesworth  
Rhyming text reveals the sounds heard on a farm.

**Digby Takes Charge** by Caroline Church  
Digby is a very good sheepdog, but when faced with six unruly sheep that ignore him even when he goes to extremes to make them obey, the farm's cows and pigs give him some advice.

**Farmyard Beat** by Craig Lindsey  
The sounds of the farm animals create a lively beat that keep Farmer Sue, the chicks, sheep and other farm animals awake.

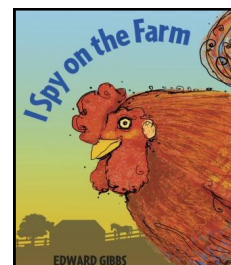


**Gideon** by Olivier Dunrea  
Gideon is a small gosling who likes to play so much that he will not stop to take a nap.

**Hello Day** by Anita Lobel  
Various animals greet the sunrise in their own unique voices.

**Horses Trotting! Prancing! Racing!** by Patricia Hubbell  
Rhyming verses describe how horses work, rest and play. Includes an illustrated list of horse breeds.

**I Spy on the Farm** by Edward Gibbs  
This interactive story invites children to make farm animal noises and practice color and letter recognition as they guess which animal will be revealed next in the story.



**Little Chicken's Big Day** by Kate Davis  
Little Chicken is tired of being told what to do by Big Chicken, but when they become separated, he misses all of the clucking.

**Louella Mae, She's Run Away!** by Karen Beaumont Alarcon  
A growing crowd searches all around the family farm for the missing Louella Mae.

**One Smart Goose** by Caroline Jayne Church  
The other geese tease a goose who likes to wash in a muddy pond, until they realize that he is the only one the fox is not chasing.

**Pip's Trip** by Janet Morgan Stoeke  
Pip tries to convince her fellow hens to join her for a ride in the farmer's truck, but she is the only one brave enough to climb inside the vehicle.

**A Silly Song***Tune: "If You're Happy and You Know It"*

There's a quack, quack on my back, on my back.

There's a quack, quack on my back, on my back.

Yes, it's on my back you see.

What a silly place to be.

There's a quack, quack on my back, on my back.

*Ask the children: "What is on my back?"**Answer: "A duck."**Show the children the duck you hid behind your back.*

*Other verses:* a moo, moo on my shoe; a neigh, neigh  
on my nose; a tweet, tweet on my tummy; a hew-  
haw on my head; a cluck, cluck on my chin



The tractor works the fields,  
The tractor works the fields,  
High-ho the dairy-oh,  
The tractor works the fields.

The barn is full of hay,  
The barn is full of hay,  
High-ho the dairy-oh,  
The barn is full of hay.

The pigs roll in the mud,  
The pigs roll in the mud,  
High-ho the dairy-oh,  
The pigs roll in the mud.

The silo is for the grain,  
The silo is for the grain,  
High-ho the dairy-oh,  
The silo is for the grain.

The chickens lay their eggs,  
The chickens lay their eggs,  
High-ho the dairy-oh,  
The chickens lay their eggs.



The ducks swim in the lake,  
The ducks swim in the lake,  
High-ho the dairy-oh,  
The ducks swim in the lake.

The farmer grows the crops,  
The farmer grows the crops,  
High-ho the dairy-oh,  
The farmer grows the crops.

**The Tail of a Pig***Tune: "The Wheels on the Bus"*

The tail of a pig curls round and round,

Round and round, round and round.

The tail of a pig curls round and round

All through the mud.

The mouth of a pig goes oink, oink, oink,

Oink, oink, oink, oink, oink, oink.

The mouth of a pig goes oink, oink, oink

All day long.

The snout of a pig goes root, root, root,

Root, root, root, root, root, root.

The snout of a pig goes root, root, root

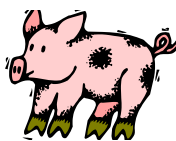
All day long.

The hooves of a pig go run, run, run,

Run, run, run, run, run, run.

The hooves of a pig go run, run, run

All day long.



The ears of a pig go twitch, twitch, twitch, twitch,

Twitch, twitch, twitch, twitch, twitch, twitch.

The ears of a pig go twitch, twitch, twitch

All day long.

**The Animals on the Farm***Tune: "The Farmer in the Dell"*

The animals on the farm,

The animals on the farm,

High-ho the dairy-oh,

The animals on the farm.

**Ten Little Ducklings**

Ten little ducklings,

*(Move hands back and forth in waddling motion.)*

Dash, dash, dash!

Jumped in the duck pond,

Splash, splash, splash!

When the mother called them,

"Quack, quack, quack!"

Ten little ducklings

Swam right back.

